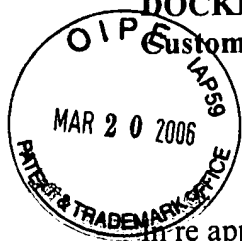


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No fees are believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: